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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Berks County District Attorney John Adams today announced the filing of an Indictment against ROBERT J. PENNINGTON and GERARDO N. GONSALES charging that they conspired to commit robbery of delivery truck drivers in the City of Reading while brandishing a loaded 9 mm firearm, and on January 17, 2008, did in fact rob a delivery truck driver at gunpoint on January 17th and attempted to do so on February 4, 2008 in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951(a), 924(c) and 2.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
ROBERT J. PENNINGTON	READING, PA	20
GERARDO N. GONSALES	READING, PA	19

If convicted each defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of up to lifetime incarceration, a mandatory minimum of 32 years incarceration, a \$1,250,000 fine, up to five years supervised release and a \$500.00 special assessment.

This case is part of the “222 Corridor Anti-Gang Initiative,” a federally funded program designed to defeat some of the most violent and pervasive gangs in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The “222 Corridor” includes the cities of Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Reading, Lancaster, York, and Harrisburg. This initiative combines federal, state, and local law enforcement resources to attack gang crime and violence throughout the corridor.

The case was investigated by the Berks County District Attorney’s Office, the Reading Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sherri A. Stephan and Special Assistant United States Attorney Craig Sheetz from the Berks County District Attorney’s Office.

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